

2010

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On New Year's Eve there were seven (7) Cape Coral Sailing Club boats anchored in Glover's Bight to enjoy the midnight fireworks being launched at Tarpon Point. We had front row seats for an amazing display. It was a warm night, in the low 70's to high 60's. Unfortunately, New Year's day had a cold front come through around noon, with rain and colder temperatures. Everyone left for home by early afternoon. This was the first of ten (10) cruises for 2010.

A second cruise in January was to the Franklin Locks. Eight (8) boats went on this cruise, which included two delicious breakfasts, a pot luck dinner, a long dinghy ride through old Florida, games, and Tim Steir leading a sing-along with his guitar each night. The February cruise was to Palm Island with eight (8) boats participating. Although this cruise had very cold temperatures, everyone enjoyed three continental breakfasts, a pot luck dinner, and a dinner at Rum Bay restaurant on the island. On the ferry to and from the island, it was a windy 50 degree ride. It was too cold and rainy to fly our kites on the beach. Although, there were 45 kt. wind gusts and rain on the way home, everyone had fun socializing and playing games for three days.

In March there were two cruises, one to Smokehouse Bay in Marco, and the other to Tween Waters, Captiva. There were five (5) boats on the Smokehouse Bay cruise, which is mostly an anchor-out cruise. The cruise was delayed a day because of north winds blowing 25-30 kt. Although, it was another cold cruise, there was a Happy Hour each night on various boats, and daytime walks and sightseeing, including restaurant stops. The second cruise was to Tween Waters, and it had eight (8) boats participating. Even though the temperatures were cold again, they enjoyed the Bocce Ball games, beach, and the eating gatherings.

Finally a warm cruise in April called the "Food, Food, Food Cruise", named because it is all about eating. The first day a boxed lunch was delivered to Picnic Island by a member's boat. The second day one of the boats ferried everyone to Sanibel Harbor Resort for lunch. The third day everyone moved their boats and anchored off York Island (south of Pine Island) and dinghied up to the Raggedy Ass Saloon for lunch.

Six (6) boats went on the annual St. Petersburg cruise in May. In September, there was a four-day cruise to the Royal Palm Yacht Club in Ft. Myers. In October, two (2) boats went on the Charlotte Harbor cruise and attended the Seven Seas Cruising Assoc. GAM.

The "Ooops" flag was given out twice this year. In February, it went to Ray Daugherty because his dinghy's outboard had a spun prop. In April, Bill Thompson earned the "Ooops" flag for letting his boat hit the ground below so much during the "Food, Food,

Food" cruise.

It should be noted that the free city dock in Venice is no longer available for overnight dockage. There might be room for only one boat to anchor in that area, because of permanent boats anchored. So you go to the Crows Nest Marina in Venice or skip Venice when going north on the west coast of Florida.

There were sixteen (16) CCSC luncheons and one (1) brunch this year. The highest attendance was to Marker 92 restaurant, with sixty seven (67) attendees, the day of the Salute-to-the-Commodore, November 6. This included eight (8) boats in the Salute-to-the-Commodore parade. Five (5) of the boats anchored in Glovers Bight the day before the luncheon. The second highest attendance at a luncheon was to Coconuts, with forty (40) people attending on January 6.

Social events were planned before most of the general meetings. In January there was a wine tasting party with thirty eight (38) bottles presented. Everyone brought a bottle of wine under \$10.00 and there were prizes for the two wines that received the most votes. In February the club hosted a loaded potato/salad bar before the general meeting. There was an April Fools/Bunny party at the March 24 meeting. Competition was for the best Spring Bonnet (ladies) and most outrageous April Fools cap (men). Also, a nautical game was played at each table. In April, there was Bingo and a photo contest which consisted of childhood pictures of past commodores and everyone was asked to match the pictures with the commodores. In May, everyone was to bring hors d'oeuvres before the meeting. June, July, August, and September there was a Hurricane Forecasting contest and a Chocolate party (vote for the best recipe). The winner was a "chocolate layered mocha cheesecake". The October 27 meeting was a Halloween Potluck with the club providing the ham. There was also a costume contest. A Thanksgiving buffet was planned before the November general meeting (club provided the turkey).

Other socials included an April steak Bar-B-Q at the Yacht Club Pavilion which was a farewell to our "snowbird" members. Sixty five (65) CCSC members enjoyed games on the beach besides the socializing. Cape Coral Sailing Club's 35th anniversary was celebrated with a cruise luncheon to Marker 92 on June 9. On June 17, eighteen (18) members enjoyed a trip on the Murder Mystery Train. Another Peace River canoe outing and BBQ was enjoyed on October 16 by thirty seven (37) people. Only one out of thirteen canoes tipped over. Also, in October there was a BBQ at Veterans Park to welcome back our "snowbirds". Thirty seven (37) members attended that BBQ, also. To end our social season, there was the Change-of-Watch dinner dance at the Cape Coral Yacht Club with a fantastic prime rib dinner, music and dancing.

The Member-of-the-Year award went to Pat and Ron Pye. The Charlie Varga Award was won by Jack D'Agostino, and since he has won that award for the last six years at least, he suggested it be awarded to the second place winner, Ron Miniter. A Cruising Fleet Award, the boat that participated in the most club cruises in 2010, was given to Joe and Ginny Holland. The Commodore's special awards were given to Ed Wilson, Ron Pye, and Bill Thompson for their support and encouragement to the Commodore during the year.

New Cape Coral Sailing Club brochures were distributed this year to the Cape Coral Yacht Club, among other places.

For more information, visit the Cape Coral Historical Museum, open Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday afternoons, 1-4 p.m. (closed July and August)